

# SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Adrian Diaz  
Chief of Police- via Chain of Command

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SUBJECT: Bias Crime and Bias Incidents Synopsis - (2nd Half 2020 dates 07/01/20-12/31/20)

## Overview

During the second half of 2020, **406** criminal and non-criminal bias-based incidents were reported to the Seattle Police Department. This compares to **256** bias-based incidents reported in the second half of 2019. This reflects a **59% increase** of bias-based incidents city wide compared to the same reporting period last year.

During the second half of 2020, **72 hate crimes** were reported. By comparison, during the first half of 2020, 64 hate crimes were reported. There were 64 hate crimes reported during the second half of 2019. **182 crimes with bias elements** were reported during the second half of 2020, an increase of 20 from the first half of the year. During the same reporting period in 2019 there were 122 crimes with bias elements reported. **152 non-criminal bias incidents** were reported in the second half of 2020, 20 more than first half of 2020, and an increase of 82 over the second half of 2019.

**22 anti-Black hate crime cases** were reported during the second half of 2020, an increase from 13 during the second half of 2019. There were **74 anti-Black crimes with bias elements**, up from 44 during the second half of 2019. **49 non-criminal bias incidents** were reported in the second half of 2020 compared with 32 anti-Black non-criminal bias incidents in the second half of 2019.

**16 anti-LGBTQ hate crime cases** (all categories combined) were reported during the second half of 2020, a decrease from the second half of 2019 when there were 21. **38 anti-LGBTQ crimes with bias elements** were reported in the second half of 2020, roughly equal with the same period in 2019 when there were 40. There were **43 non-criminal bias incidents** reported during the second half of 2020 compared with 14 during the same period in 2019.

Anti-Asian crimes and incidents were of strong interest during 2020. During the second half of the year, **4 hate crime offenses** were reported, **9 crimes with bias elements**, and **8 bias incidents**. During the same reporting period in 2019, there were 4 hate crimes, 7 crimes with bias elements and 2 non-criminal bias incidents reported. The content of the incidents from one year to the next

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was significantly different, as many of the incidents included references to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Most reported incidents occurred during **second watch (226) and third watch (116), followed by first watch (64).**

**West Precinct** had the most incidents at **34%** (136), **North Precinct** at **26%** (106), followed by **East Precinct** at **17%** (71) incidents. **South Precinct** reported **13%** (51) of incidents, followed by **Southwest Precinct** at **10%** (42).

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### Incidents

- ✓ 72 were determined to be a Hate Crime Offense or Malicious Harassment
- ✓ 182 of the incidents were determined to be crimes with bias elements
- ✓ 152 of the incidents were determined to be non-criminal bias incidents

### Arrests

72 hate crime or malicious harassment cases resulted in 22 arrests:

- 18 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 4 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 50 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors

182 crimes with bias elements cases resulted in 73 arrests:

- 18 were arrested and/or charged with a felony crime
- 55 were arrested and/or charged with a misdemeanor offense
- 109 cases were inactivated or administratively cleared due to solvability or other factors

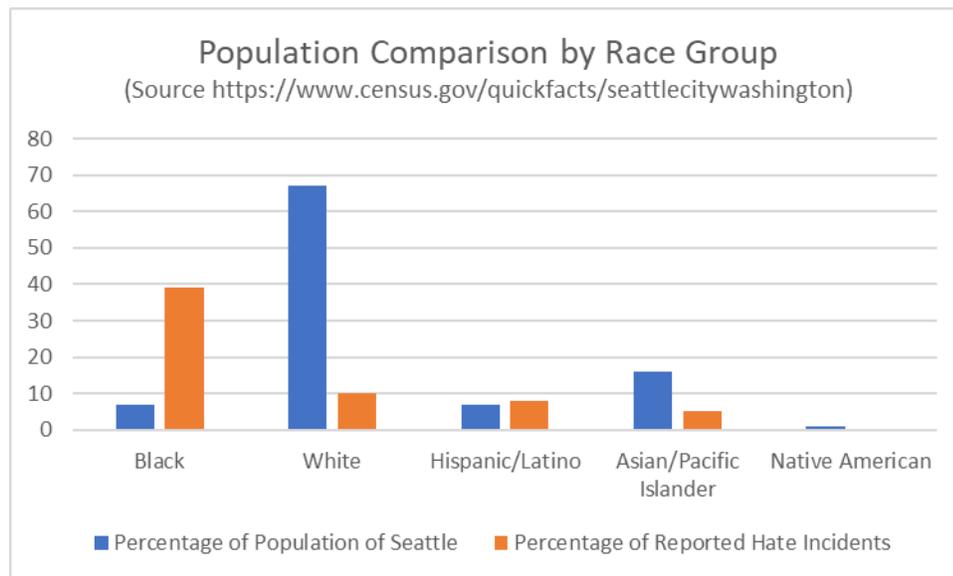
**Bias Categories**

Perpetrators in bias-based events targeted 25 total groups with the two most frequently reporting groups, anti-Black or African American and the combined total of Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bi-Sexual, and Gender Non-Conforming incidents (LGBTQ) accounting for 61% of the total number of bias-based incidents.

Bias category	Hate Crime/Malicious Harassment	Crimes with Bias Elements	Non-Criminal Bias Incidents
Black or African American	24	74	60
Gay	11	26	27
White	6	21	15
Hispanic/Latino	6	13	13
Race/Ethnicity/Ancestry	4	9	9
Asian/Pacific Islander	5	10	7
Political Ideology	9	9	1
Jewish	1	5	8
Transgender	3	4	3
LGBTQ Group	1	3	6
Homeless	2	2	4
Arab	2	4	0
Islamic	1	3	0
Physical Disability	1	1	2
Lesbian	0	1	2
Gender Non-Conforming	0	1	2
Multiple Racial Group	0	1	2
Female	1	2	0
Sikh	0	2	1
Other Christian	0	1	1
Bi-Sexual	0	0	1
Native American	1	0	0
Hindu	1	0	0
Age	0	0	1
Mental Disability	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	79	192	166

\*37 incidents included bias elements in more than one category. These numbers reference the number of incidents for each category represented. The total number of discrete incidents was 406. Categories in which no incidents were reported were not included in this table.

- The category of Anti-Black represents **39%** of the total reported incidents. This is a 3% increase from the first half of 2020.
- The aggregated categories of Anti-Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming represents **22%** percent of the incidents, roughly equivalent to the first half of 2020.
- **16%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 1<sup>st</sup> watch hours (0300-1159)
- **56%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 2nd watch hours (1200-1959)
- **29%** of the criminal and non-criminal bias incidents occurred during 3<sup>rd</sup> watch hours (2000-0259)



**West Precinct**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Beat</b>	<b>Hate Crime/Malicious Harassment</b>	<b>Crime w/Bias Elements</b>	<b>Bias Incident</b>
<b>David</b>	<b>D1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>D2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>D3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>King</b>	<b>K1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>K2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>K3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Mary</b>	<b>M1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>M2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>M3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Queen</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Q2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Q3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>44</b>

David Sector represents **34%** of the total crimes and **34%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

King Sector **36%** of the total crimes and **27%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Mary Sector represents **12%** of the total crimes and **21%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

Queen Sector represents **18%** of the total crimes and **18%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the West Precinct.

**South Precinct**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Beat</b>	<b>Hate Crime/Malicious Harassment</b>	<b>Crime w/Bias Elements</b>	<b>Bias Incident</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>R2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>R3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sam</b>	<b>S1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>S2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>S3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Ocean</b>	<b>O1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>O2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>O3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>

Robert Sector represents **46%** of the total crimes and **38%** non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Sam Sector represents **34%** of the crimes and **25%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

Ocean Sector represents **20%** of the total crimes and **38%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the South Precinct.

**East Precinct**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Beat</b>	<b>Hate Crime/Malicious Harassment</b>	<b>Crime w/Bias Elements</b>	<b>Bias Incident</b>
<b>Edward</b>	<b>E1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>E2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>E3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Charlie</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>C2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>C3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>George</b>	<b>G1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>G2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>G3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>

Edward Sector represents **51%** of the total crimes and **53%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

Charlie Sector represents **34%** of the total crimes and **33%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

George Sector represents **15%** of the total crimes and **13%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the East Precinct.

**North Precinct**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Beat</b>	<b>Hate Crime/Malicious Harassment</b>	<b>Crime w/Bias Elements</b>	<b>Bias Incident</b>
<b>Nora</b>	<b>N1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>N2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>N3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Boy</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>B2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>B3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>L2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>L3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Union</b>	<b>U1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>U2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>U3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>J1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>J2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>J3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>

Nora Sector represents **20%** of the total crimes and **21%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Boy Sector represents **30%** of the total crimes and **17%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Lincoln Sector represents **19%** of the total crimes and **19%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

Union Sector represents **23%** of the total crimes and **19%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

John Sector represents **9%** of the total crimes and **24%** of the non-criminal bias incidents in the North Precinct.

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**Southwest Precinct**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Beat</b>	<b>Hate Crime/Malicious Harassment</b>	<b>Crime w/Bias Elements</b>	<b>Bias Incident</b>
<b>Frank</b>	<b>F1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>F2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>F3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>William</b>	<b>W1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>W2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>W3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>

Frank Sector represents **55%** of the total crimes and **50%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.

William Sector **45%** of the total crimes and **50%** of the bias incidents in the Southwest Precinct.